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Petroleum Report 2005-2006

June 2006

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Petroleum Report 2005-2006 consist of statistics from the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources, particularly the Directorate General of Oil and Gas (MIGAS), and the cooperation of Indonesia's production sharing contractors.

This report provides a summaries of Indonesia's oil and gas sector in an effort to assist government policy makers and private sector companies better understand this important market. The report does not necessarily reflect the view of the U.S. Government. The Embassy has attempted to obtain the most accurate data from Indonesian Government sources. However, statistics drawn from different sources often display inconsistencies. This is the case between several tables in the appendices. To the extent possible, we have tried to indicate the source of the information. This report uses an exchange rate of Rp 9,830 to one U.S. dollar, unless otherwise indicated. Finally, statistics are often revised at a later date. The Embassy plans to publish a mid-year supplement to this report in 2007, containing end of year oil and gas data for 2006.

The full report is also available on at, <http://jakarta.usembassy.gov/econ/petro2006-toc.html>



230th Anniversary of the Independence of the U.S.A.

In the United States, Independence Day, also called the Fourth of July, is a federal holiday celebrating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, declaring independence from the Kingdom of Great Britain.

DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

1. Gershman, Carl; Allen, Michael THE ASSAULT ON DEMOCRACY ASSISTANCE (Journal of Democracy, Vol. 17, No. 2, April 2006, pp. 36-51)

As democracy promotion programs have grown, so has resistance to these programs. Today new legal restrictions to democracy assistance pose a major threat to the advancement of democracy. This backlash against democracy is a byproduct of the rise of "hybrid regimes," or governments which retain democratic processes but are open to corruption and manipulation. The article outlines tactics used by such nations to limit the activities of democratic groups. For example, governments may restrict the flow of foreign funds to a local NGO. The authors propose tactical, political and normative responses to regimes that obstruct democracy assistance.

2. Janda, Kenneth PLURALISM AND DEMOCRACY (E-Journal USA, June 2006, 5 pp.)

Compared with other democracies, the United States has a very decentralized structure of government. The Framers of the U.S. Constitution were extremely wary of the potential dangers of concentrating power in any single political institution, and so deliberately undertook to divide authority among different branches and levels of government. The decentralized American system contrasts with the strict "majoritarian" model of democracy, which holds that government should enact legislation and pursue policies that are immediately responsive to what the majority of the people want. Available online at: <http://usinfo.state.gov/journals/itsv/0606/ijse/janda.htm>

3. Soudriette, Richard W.; Ellis, Andrew A GLOBAL SNAPSHOT (Journal of Democracy, Vol. 17, No. 2, April, 2006, pp. 78-88)

Designing an electoral system is a fundamental step in building a sustainable democracy. The authors explain the differences between a plurality/majority system and a proportional representation system. Soudriette and Ellis analyze five key factors to consider when selecting an electoral system: electoral boundaries, voter education, the modernization of election equipment, ballot papers and counting, and long-term sustainability. The article also includes a table comparing more than 120 countries' electoral systems.

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ECONOMIC SECURITY AND TRADE

4. McCormick, John T.; Paterson, Nancy THE THREAT POSED BY TRANSNATIONAL POLITICAL CORRUPTION TO GLOBAL COMMERCIAL AND DEVELOPMENT BANKING (Journal of Financial Crime, vol. 13, no. 2, 2006, pp. 183-194)

McCormick and Paterson, of the Federal Reserve System's Special Investigation Section, discuss the threat that transnational political corruption poses to both the world's development banking and commercial banking sectors. Through case studies, they demonstrate how corrupt officials, using various fraudulent and corrupt schemes, steal funds from development banks and then launder the illicit proceeds into legitimate commercial banking systems around the world. These activities increase development and commercial banks' financial risks and put their reputations at stake. The most important factor in reducing this political corruption is political will and commitment, the authors assert. And, they note, development and commercial banks can only expect the risks from corruption to increase as more signatory nations to various anti-corruption treaties and conventions criminalize the bribery of foreign public officials.

GLOBAL ISSUES

5. Achenbach, Joel THE NEXT BIG ONE (National Geographic, vol. 209, no. 4, April 2006, pp. 120-147)

The modern science of seismology was born after the 1906 earthquake that hit San Francisco. Considerable progress has been made in studying earthquakes, yet they continue to take humanity by surprise. The author explores the advances that scientists have made in trying to predict when earthquakes will strike, and the efforts by local and national governments in quake-prone regions of the world in making buildings, utilities, communications systems and transportation infrastructure less susceptible to damage in a quake.

US SOCIETY & VALUES

6. Achenbaum, W. Andrew WHAT IS RETIREMENT FOR? (Wilson Quarterly, vol. 30, no. 2, Spring 2006, pp. 50-56)

The author reviews the history of aging, retirement and financial security in the United States and puts the retirement of today's Baby Boomer generation in context. People are living and staying healthier longer and are making up an ever increasing proportion of the population. "Now more than ever," he says, "we need to form a clearer collective conception of what retirement ought to be." It is his expectation that the workforce will be more flexible and allow older employees to work part time or on a project-to-project basis. Many Boomers, he predicts, will become volunteers as their parents have done. This article is one of a

series of this publication's essays that deal with "The Sovereign State of Retirement," the title of this Spring's edition.

7. Terkel, Studs A CITY CALLED HEAVEN; MY KIND OF TOWN: CHICAGO, ILLINOIS (Smithsonian Magazine, vol. 37, no. 4, July 2006, pp. 19-22)

Though Chicago is no longer the legendary city celebrated by poet Carl Sandburg, oral historian Studs Terkel writes affectionately about his boyhood home, once referred to in the gospel song "A City Called Heaven." Terkel, nine years old when he moved to Chicago in 1921, was excited to be at the center of the nation's railways. During the years when he lived and clerked at his parents' hotel, he met many of the labor movement's notable figures. Now at age 94, he reflects on what has happened to the city; his feelings "a bit more mellowed and seared. He is aware of its carbuncles and warts, a place far from Heaven, but it is his town, the only one he calls home."

8. Weaver, Gary THE AMERICAN CULTURAL TAPESTRY (E-Journal USA, June 2006, 3 pp.)

To understand American behavior and public policies, it is essential to know the culture of the United States. In many languages culture usually refers to art, music, history, and literature. In the United States, these would be viewed as the results or artifacts of culture. Our definition of culture is much more anthropological. In American English "culture" simply means the way of life of a group of people passed down from one generation to another through learning. It includes fundamental beliefs, values, thought patterns, and worldviews that are shared by most Americans. We can examine these external aspects of culture and infer that they reflect our internal values, beliefs, and worldviews. Unless we understand American internal culture, it is almost impossible to explain external behavior, including our public policies. Available online at: <http://usinfo.state.gov/journals/itsv/0606/ijse/weaver.htm>

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